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Serial Nos. Four only.

Part B for February 1942

SUBJECT.

Information regarding persons in
Japanese occupied territories.

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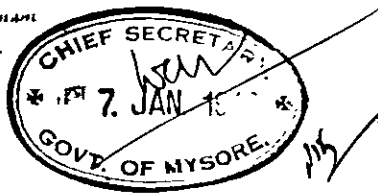
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PHONE NO. 2232

Fresh Milk Supply

291, AKKIPET, BANGALORE CITY

J. S. Ramesh
Manager



Residence:
5, CHURCH ROAD
(Mohamadan's Block)
BASAVANAGUDI

Dated 6/1/1942

To
The Chief Secretary,
Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

In enclosing herewith a list of my people living in the F.M.S, I write to you to be so good as to cause enquiries to be made about their welfare and whereabouts, as we, their closest relatives in India feel very greatly worried since no communications have been received from them for some time. We are aware that the War has taken them by surprise and we shall be grateful for some news of them, so that our anxieties in their behalf may be relieved.

Thanking you,

I remain, Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Encl: -postal stamps of the
value of 0/14/0 for
sending the reply by
letter by Airmail to
F.M.S.

J. S. Ramesh

The persons referred to are all residents of Bangalore and it may not be possible to get information easily and early. For present and over whether the reply need be addressed to enquire from the Govt of India. Through the post has sent stamps for sending a letter

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by airmail. This fact cannot do so
since the territory is an occupied one
and it is doubtful whether the Postal authorities
transmit letters to F. M. S. now.

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It does not seem possible
to have any such

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The Registry may perhaps be asked
as to how information in regard to people
in occupied areas has to be obtained.

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RS
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Subd with a draft to the Registry for consideration
from 8/1

Issued Pdt. 1247 to 9th Jan. 42 to the Registry
From The day to the Honble the Minister
F 81- 4/11 to 16th Jan. 42 stating that
the Govt of India has been addressed in the matter

Subd for perusal. It is for consideration
whether or not any reply may be sent to the party
stating that the Govt of India has been addressed
in the matter by the Reg and asking the Minister
sent by him

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below for perusal.

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Information regarding persons in
Japanese occupied territories.

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From The Secy to the Honble the Resident
F. 83-4/W stating that persons in the Myson
Mts may be advised to send their enquiries
to the Secy to the Govt of India. Dept of India offices.
Subd for perusal. The party who
addressed this Govt will be informed accordingly

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In
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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

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To

General and Revenue Secretariat

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The Acting High Commissioner

Sir, I am directed to state

Date of issue.....

9 / 1 / 1942

Signed by.....

Mr. S. K. V.

that the ~~last~~ ^{last} enquiries are being received from the ~~visits~~ ^{visits} of the State regarding the welfare and whereabouts of these relatives in Penang and other occupied areas and to request you to be so good as to inquire as to how information in regard to people in occupied areas has been obtained.

List of enclosures.....

Copied by.....

Examined by.....

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8th January 1942.

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I am directed to state that enquiries are being received from the residents in this State regarding the welfare and whereabouts of their relatives in Penang and other occupied areas and to request you to be so good as to intimate as to how information in regard to people in occupied areas has to be obtained.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.



GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

Dated, Bangalore, 5th February 1942.

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From

M.G. MEHKRI ESQ., B.A., LL.B.,

The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

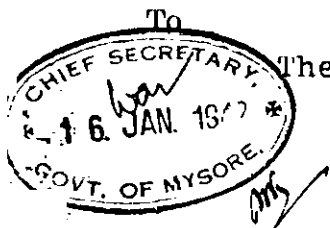
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FROM

THE SECRETARY

TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.



To The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 16th January 1942.

Information regarding persons in Japanese occupied territories.

SIR,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.Pol. 1247/war dated the 9th January 1942, and to state that the Government of India have been addressed in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Uthaman Kumar
for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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For Chief Secretary to Government.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

Bangalore, Dated, 6th February 1942.

No. 1632/W -
Encs 2 stamps.

From M.G. Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.
(in charge).

To The Manager,
Fresh Milk Supply,
Bangalore City.

Sir,

Information regarding persons in Japanese occupied
territories.

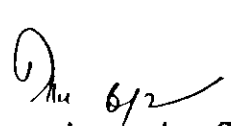
With reference to your letter dated the 6th January 1942
requesting that enquiries may be made about the welfare and where-
abouts of your relatives at Penang, I am directed to inform you
that you may address the Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Indian Overseas, New Delhi in the matter.

The postage stamps to the value of Rs.0-14-0 sent with your
letter are herewith returned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


For Chief Secretary to Government,
(In charge).

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The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

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THE SECRETARY

TO THE HONBLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To
CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVT. OF MYSORE

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 22nd January 1942.

News relating to Indians in the War zone in the Far East.

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SIR,

I am directed to state for the information of the Government of Mysore that it has now been decided that the Government of India, Department of Indians Overseas, will issue weekly bulletins of news relating to Indians in the War zone in the Far East and that any information of particular importance which may become available will be broadcast immediately independently of the weekly bulletins.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Praduman Prasad

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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VN

Subd for perusal. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Secy War Zone for information as sent to the P.O. for note and return. I have marked in Dec 19 2. 1. also.

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Praduman

Law Minister
His' Genl Secy

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News relating to Indians in a
War Zone in the Far East.

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AS
26/1 Subd with a memo to the concerned officers
Issued No. 1544-84/W of 26.1.42 to the D. A. S.,
F. G. P., & Secy. W. F. C.

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Letter No.F.14-42/E dated the 22nd January 1942 from
the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

News relating to Indians in the Far zone
in the Far East.

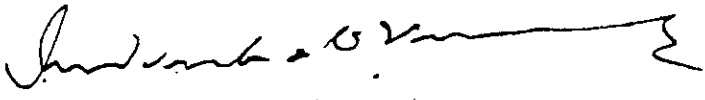
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of Mysore that it has now been decided that the Government of
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of news relating to Indians in the war zone in the Far East and
that any information of particular importance which may become
available will be broadcast immediately independently of the weekly
bulletins.

GENERAL AND PRIVATE SECRETARIAT.

Memo No.1574-84/H.

Dated, Bangalore, the 25th Janry. 1942.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the
District Magistrates of Districts, for information.


For Chief Secretary to Government.



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Letter No.F.14-42/W dated the 22nd January 1942 from
the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

News relating to Indians in the War zone
in the Far East.

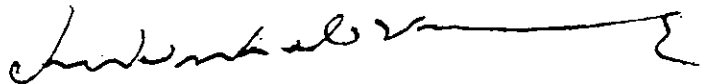
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India, Department of Indians Overseas, will issue weekly bulletins
of news relating to Indians in the war zone in the Far East and
that any information of particular importance which may become
available will be broadcast immediately independently of the weekly
bulletins.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Memo No.1574-94/W.

Dated, Bangalore, the 25th Janry. 1942.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the
District Magistrates of Districts, for information.



For Chief Secretary to Government.



INDIANS IN ATTACKED AREAS

GOVT.'S ARRANGEMENTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION

(ASSOCIATED PRESS OF INDIA.)

NEW DELHI, Jan. 7.

The arrangements proposed to be made to obtain information about Indians in attacked or occupied areas in the Far East were explained by Mr. G. S. Bozman, Secretary, Indians Overseas Department, at a Press Conference to-day. He indicated the Government's intention to issue shortly a communique summarising the information received so far with regard to Indians in Burma. He referred to two satisfactory features revealed by reports from that country. Firstly, the Burman population have been notably kind and helpful to Indians who have lost their homes and jobs and have had to leave Rangoon in distress. This happy position has been disclosed by private reports and have also been borne out by reports from the Government of India's Agent there, who has personally visited the affected areas in Rangoon and the relief camps and has also found public spirited Indians organising relief. Secondly, there has been no discrimination in the treatment of air raid victims and other people in distress.

Explaining what was being done to establish channels of communication, Mr. Bozman pointed out how different means had to be used to suit each of the three main geographical areas concerned, namely, (1) the Chinese area comprising Shanghai and Hongkong; (2) the Philippines, Borneo and the Dutch East Indies; and (3) Malaya and Burma. In the last area, the Government of India had their own agents, who came directly under the Department of Indians Overseas. The Agent in Malaya, it was true, left shortly before the Japanese attacked that country; but his assistant was in charge and so far as was known here his headquarters were in Kuala Lumpur. If it was necessary to evacuate Kuala Lumpur, he would probably go to Singapore. From the Agent in Burma, the Department of Indians Overseas were hearing fairly regularly, but in order to improve this, the two agents were being asked to send to the Indians Overseas Department telegraphic reports every two or three days and also regular reports of evacuation arrangements, external and internal, about provisions for the transport of people and for their relief, etc.

POSITION OF INDIANS IN BORNEO

With regard to the Philippines, Dutch East Indies and Borneo, the External Affairs Department had already sent special messages to the British Government representatives there asking them to give information which they might get regarding Indians in those areas. Mr. Bozman was himself in daily touch with the External Affairs Department. Regarding Shanghai and Hongkong, efforts were being made to establish communication.

A further agency through which information about these areas generally was obtainable was the Red Cross; Mr. Bozman was also in touch with General Moberly, the Red Cross Commissioner, who in turn was in direct touch with London and the American Red Cross. It was also possible that an international agency might be getting to work in occupied areas in China, Malaya and Indo-China, which was likely to prove extremely useful. Every effort was being made to put this agency in working order, but it was bound to take a good deal of time.

QUESTION OF EVACUATION

As regards evacuation, the question could not arise with regard to the bulk of the labouring population in Burma or Malaya—particularly Malaya, where they numbered seven to eight lakhs. All that could be done was to ascertain from the Governments concerned what steps were being taken to provide for their safety. In war conditions it was, in the first instance, for the Government concerned, to say whether in its opinion evacuation on any large scale was desirable, necessary or possible. On the question of shipping, which must arise in connection with any scheme of evacuation, all that could be said was that any request for shipping would receive sympathetic consideration, which must be limited by war needs and requirements.

Mr. Bozman expressed the hope that fairly regular summaries of information about Indians in all these places would be issued to the Press from his Department. He made a reference to the criticism that Indians who in peacetime had been clamant for the privileges of citizenship in foreign countries were, by their haste in leaving those countries in war time, shirking the duties of citizenship. He was not aware of any force of this kind.

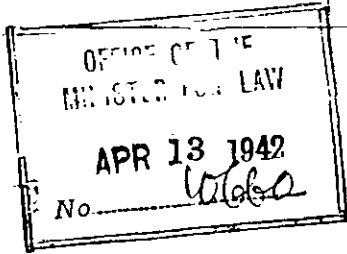
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Information regarding persons in
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From The Secy to the Honble the Resident.
F. 83-40W of 9th April. 42 re. information
regarding persons in Japanese occupied territories.

As regards the Regy letter of 14th March 42
the P.O. has taken necessary action, as desired
in the letter. Perhaps the substance of the present
letter may also be issued in the form of Press
Note for the information of the public and the
Press Note issued published in the Mysore Gazette
also, if necessary.

A. M. S. D. S.

Chief Secy

Secy to Govt.

For General Secy

For Secy to Govt.

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Copy of the Press Note issued is placed below for perusal

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

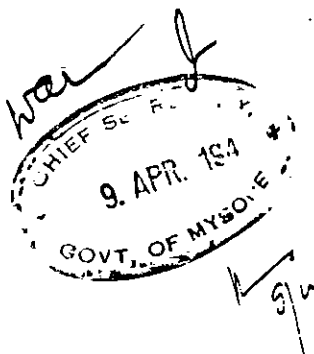
To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 9th April 1942.

Information regarding persons in Japanese occupied territories.



SIR,

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in continuation of my letter No.F.83-40/W dated the 4th February 1942, I am directed to say that in respect of persons in Japanese occupied territories in Burma and the Far East -

- (a) enquiries relating to all civilian British subjects, including Europeans, should be addressed to the Indians Overseas Department, and
- (b) enquiries relating to all Military, Air Force and Naval personnel should be addressed to the Defence Department.

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Attention in this connection is, however, invited to Defence Department Press Note dated the 3rd March 1942, a copy of which was forwarded to you with my letter No.F.83-40/W dated the 14th March 1942.

2. With regard to civilians in territories not under Japanese occupation -

- (i) enquiries relating to Indians in Empire countries in the Pacific Zone should be addressed to the Indians Overseas Department, while those relating to Indians in foreign countries should be sent to the External Affairs Department, and
- (ii) enquiries relating to British subjects, other than Indians, in Empire countries in the Pacific Zone as well as those in foreign countries should be addressed to the External Affairs Department.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Shri Aman Chandra
SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

Office of the Publicity Officer
to the Government of Mysore,
Public Offices,
Bangalore, 17th April 1942.

PRESS NOTE

Information regarding persons in
Japanese occupied territories.

In continuation of this office Press Note dated 23rd March 1942 the following information in respect of persons in Japanese occupied territories in Burma and the Far East is published for general information:-

- (a) enquiries relating to all civilian British subjects, including Europeans, should be addressed to the Indians Overseas Department, and
- (b) enquiries relating to all Military, Air Force and Naval personnel should be addressed to the Defence Department.

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M. S. SWAMINATHAN

Publicity Officer to Government.

The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY

TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 14th March 1942.

Information regarding fate of troops
in Far East.

SIR,

I am directed to forward a copy of a Press
Note recently issued by the Government of India on the
above subject and to request that, if there is no
objection, urgent steps may kindly be taken to give it
the widest possible publicity, local war committees and
district authorities being instructed to broadcast the
contents so that it reaches the villages.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

Dpl. Letter to the D.C's of Districts
and the President and Commissioner of
the Mysore & Bangalore Municipalities
is put up for kind approval.

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Issued on 25-3-42

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE DEPARTMENT.

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New Delhi, 3rd March 1942.

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PRESS NOTE

STATE OF TROOPS IN FAR EAST
How News is Being Obtained.
- - -

Letters have been arriving daily at General Headquarters from people in India inquiring after the welfare of their relatives who had been serving in the Far East theatres of war now in Japanese occupation.

While General Headquarters fully sympathise with the anxiety of relatives in India and are anxious to help to the utmost, they have to emphasise that steps have been already taken to get information regarding our troops in those areas, but that it will be some time before it can be received.

This information is being supplied by the Japanese Government to the International Red Cross at Geneva, whence it will be despatched to India by the speediest possible means. Relatives in India are, therefore, assured that as soon as this news is received here, the next-of-kin of all personnel affected will immediately be informed. To ensure this, any change of address of next-of-kin should, in the case of officers, be notified to General Headquarters or, in the case of other ranks, to the appropriate Training Battalion Record Office or Depot.

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Bangalore,
~~23rd March 1942~~

Office of the Publicity Officer
to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore, 23rd March 1942.

PRESS NOTE
FAR
FATE OF TROOPS IN ~~WAR~~ EAST.

How News is being Obtained.

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M. S. SWAMINATHAN

Publicity Officer to Government of
Mysore.

Dft. Press Note for kind
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Office of the Publicity Officer
to the Government of Mysore,
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M. S. SWAMINATHAN

Publicity Officer to Government
of Mysore.

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25th March 1942.

25 copies

H.D. CHANDRAN, Esq., M.A.,

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To:-

- The D. C's of 9 Districts;
 10) President, Municipal Council, Mysore;
 11) Commissioner, Bangalore City Municipality,
 Bangalore City.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith 25 copies of the Press Note "PAVE OF TROOPS IN PAV SAGE - HOW NEWS IS BEING OBTAINED", with a request to give it the widest possible publicity. Local War Committees and District authorities may kindly be instructed to broadcast the contents so that it reaches the villages.

Some copies of the Kannada version of the Press Note will be arranged to be sent to you shortly.

I have the honour to be
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,

G/e *[Signature]*

Publicity Officer to Government.

[Signature]